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This application is a continuation of 09474127 filed Dec. 29, 1999 which is a continuation of 08818964 filed March 14, 1997.

1. Title of the Invention

Axle Driving Apparatus

2. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to an axle driving apparatus with a hydro-static-transmission used as a driving apparatus for a light tractor.

3. Background of the Invention

Conventionally, an axle driving apparatus, which vertically divides a casing thereof and journals axles at the divided surfaces and drives the axles by a hydro-static-transmission attached to the casing, is well known as disclosed in, for example, the Japanese Utility Model Publication Gazette No. Sho 62-44198 and the Japanese Patent Laid-Open Gazette Sho 62-101945, filed by the same applicant.

In the conventional prior art, however, the hydro-static-transmission separate from the axle driving apparatus is fixed to the outside thereof in a manner of being exposed, whereby the apparatus is large-sized as a whole and larger in the gross weight. Also, it is required for driving the horizontally disposed axles by a motor shaft of a hydraulic motor vertically disposed at the exterior to interpose bevel gears in a drive system for both

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